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Applicants : Darin L. Peterson, Michael R. Slaughter and Keith P. McCall
Application No. : 09/420,659 Confirmation No. 3878
Filed : October 19, 1999
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR RETAINING A TRAY
STACK HAVING A PLURALITY OF TRAYS FOR
CARRYING MICROELECTRONIC DEVICES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 24, 2001, the applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 35-48, for examination at this time, without traverse.

In view of the above election, the applicants hereby cancel claims 1-34 and 49-63 without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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